

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[39] A temporary attachment for a jaw implant has a molded piece made of an elastic material situated between a base and a head. The molded piece is deformable under the influence of a screw and this deformation is transferred to the surrounding tissue. By repeated tightening of the screw during a healing phase, the gingival tissue can be widened without resulting in tissue injury. Due to the shape of the base or the head, a predetermined deformation can be produced, and may be radially asymmetric. The direction of deformation can also be selected by varying the angular position of the base or the head with respect to the longitudinal axis of the implant.